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ST. LOUIS, SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 30, 1916—10 PAGES.

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300 IN LINE ON LAST DAY BEFORE TAX PENALTIES

Collectors More Than \$4,000,
000 Short of Figures for
Same Time Last Year.

MANY PAYING BY MAIL

Estimate Is That There Will Be
12,000 Delinquents; Saloon
Decrease Likely.

More than 300 taxpayers, anxious to escape penalties for failure to pay their dues to the city before the expiration of the year, were waiting in the city hall this morning for Collector Koenig's office to open. They formed in line, and at 9 o'clock the first one paid his assessment to the cashier.

In addition 200 tax bills were in the mails received at the office up to 10 o'clock. Collector Koenig said he expected 200 more before the day is over. He has given notice that payments will be accepted without penalties if letters bearing the tax are post-marked not later than Dec. 31.

Behind Koenig's desk,

he has estimated that the total payments up to yesterday, for the current year were \$4,264,564 behind those of the same date last year. This sum, however, does not include \$15,000 tendered by banks and trust companies and held up pending final settlement of the litigation to compel the city to assess stocks at 50 per cent of their face value.

The collector expects before the day is over that he will have augmented this year's collections by about \$400,000. The total expected income is \$34,900,000, of which \$12,500,000 will be on real estate and personal property.

In all 187,000 tax bills have been sent out. Of these 30,000 have not been returned and an aggregate delinquency on 32,000 is expected. Assessor Schramm said that about 15,000 persons had failed to make returns. He had arranged to handle 200 returns today and in response to telephones inquiries had directed inquiries to fill out schedules, swear in them before a notary and mail them in.

The penalty for failing to pay taxes on time is an increase of one per cent of the entire amount for each month it is unpaid. The failure to make returns is punished by a double assessment over that of the previous year.

Saloons Decrease Expected.

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SEVEN ECLIPSES NEXT YEAR

Fear of the Sun and Three of the Moon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon, the greatest number possible in a single year, will occur in 1916 according to a memorandum issued today by the naval observatory. The last year in which seven eclipses came was early in the last century and the next will be in 1955.

On Jan. 3 there will be a total eclipse of the moon by the earth's shadow, visible throughout the United States beginning at 10:50 a.m. and ending at 4:20 p.m. Eastern standard time. Between 2 and 2:50 a.m. Eastern time the eclipse will be total.

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SEPARATIONS DUE TO DRINK

Cause for 95 Per Cent of Cases in Chicago Men's Returns.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Separation of husband and wife in Chicago is due chiefly to drink, according to annual statistics of the Court of Domestic Relations. Out of 294 cases of separation of husband and wife disposed of by the court this year, 95 per cent were due to drink, 2 per cent to jealousy of other women, 1 per cent to interference of mothers-in-law and 1 per cent to other causes.

The report also shows that husbands became to drink mostly by soaking wives, low wages and unsatisfactory employment.

In Tomorrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch

PROF. MUNSTERBERG'S LAST MESSAGE ABOUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Eminent psychologist believed we are idealists and his last words were the writing of a book to prove it.

CONGRESSWOMAN TELLS WHY WOMEN SHOULD HAVE A PART IN THE MAKING OF OUR LAWS

Mari Jeanette Rankin's second article in the series she has written for this paper.

SNAPSHOT OF A BRITISH LAND-SHIP OR "TANK" STRUCK DEADLY GUNSHIP IN GREAT SHELL HOLE IT FAILED TO NEGOTIATE

Striking picture strikingly reproduced in the ROTOGRAVURE SECTION.

\$2,000,000 FOR SMITH, BUT WHICH SMITH?

A remarkable story of a general who has seen the greedy persons who bear his name in a turmoil.

WOMAN PRISON OFFICIAL'S WEEK AS A CONVICTION

What a prominent philanthropist has experienced in his first-hand data of the terrible conditions to which prisoners of her sex are subjected.

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they say, will be adequately pointed out in their lengthy reply to the central Powers, where they can speak directly and to the point, without fear of wounding a friendly neutral.

The dispatch by Spain yesterday of a strong protest to Germany against submarine activities, apparently overshadowed interest in the peace conference yesterday. The Spanish Ambassador, Secretary Lansing recently and the Secretary is understood to have outlined fully the attitude of the United States. The submarine issue is being kept in the background for the present, but evidence indicating that Germany probably has violated pledges given to the United States is believed to have been collected at the State Department.

London Nation Says President Favors Neutralism

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Weekly Nation, in referring to President Wilson's note asking what the belligerent Powers require for the conclusion of peace, takes the view that Mr. Wilson is exercising the right and performing the duty laid upon a neutral by The Hague Convention and says that his communication has been stupidly received by the British press. President Wilson is of human nature not to be discouraged by the fact that his efforts to do the belligerents a good turn has been misinterpreted by one side and evaded by the other, the Nation adds.

The Nation, carefully analyzing the note, declared that it is completely devoid of offense to the entente allies, and proceeds to argue that if Germany is willing to abandon the idea of mastering Europe and to drop desires of annexation and exploitation and take its place in the society of nations, the basis President Wilson seeks for peace has been found."

ALLIES' REPLY TO BERLIN READY TO GO OUT TONIGHT

Blames Germany for War and Insists on Reparations and Restitutions.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The allies' answer to the German note of Dec. 12 will be handed to Ambassador Sharp tonight, says the "Petit Parisien," and published tomorrow.

It is long and sets forth again the responsibility of the central empires for the European conflagration. It insists on legitimate reparations and restitutions demanded by the entente as outlined by Premier Lloyd-George and also says that Germany, by failing to formulate proposals for peace, removes in advance, any basis for our parleys.

The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin Cabinet, having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties, cannot pretend to obtain the same conditions as Powers respectful of signatures and much offer guarantees.

American Neutral Conference Asks Germany to State Peace Terms.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—An appeal to the German people to insist that their Government "shall make known the terms on which they are prepared to enter upon peace negotiations," was sent by the American neutral conference committee yesterday to Maximilian Harden of Berlin, the German publisher and editor of *Die Zukunft*. It was in the form of an open letter to the people of Germany.

The letter has the following observations: If they are to be succeeded in the world as well as to the entente Powers, was defined by the committee as including: Readiness of the central Powers to consider "in the course of the negotiations" the possibility of averting war in the future through such a world organization to insure peace as will make armaments unnecessary. Inviolability and integrity of the smaller peoples. Guarantees of the inviolable character of international treaties and compacts. All efforts, such as may be necessary, to endow the

Spanish Envoy to France's Note to Be Public Tomorrow.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—Spain's reply to President Wilson's note will be handed to the American Charge d'Affaires tonight, and will be made public at noon tomorrow. Premier Romanones drew up the note in collaboration with the Cabinet yesterday.

The Spanish Government denies reports which have been spread abroad that it is proposed that the peace conference be held at Madrid.

Hits Duke Rose, Corregidor for New Year's eve, \$25 each. Without Lily of the Valley, \$15 each. Grimm & Gorly.

Seven Autos Stolen Last Night.

Seven automobiles were stolen last night. They were stolen from Frank Kuhn, 360 North Grand Avenue; Ignatius Hynes, 481 East Tony street; W. R. Schaefer, 421 Junius street; Wm. Steele, 162 North Twelfth street; Horace Fritch, 229 Pennsylvania Avenue; John Pfeochnicki, 305 Fallon street, and Arthur M. Branch, 388 Nine place.

A Strong Friday Lineup

Yesterday (Friday), for the second time this week, the POST-DISPATCH exceeded 3 out of all 4 of the other St. Louis newspapers combined in volume of St. Louis store news carried!

The count Friday:

Post-Dispatch alone... 81 Cols.

3 out of all 4 of the other papers added together.....

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First in Everything.

Kaiser Reviewing Troops After Verdun Assault



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This is the most recent photograph of Emperor William to reach this country. He is standing in front of the group at the left and the eyes of the pair of goose-stepping officers are on him.

INCREASED COST OF PAPER RAISES PERIODICAL PRICES

Some Magazines of National Circulation Announce Subscription Advance of 20 to 33 1/3 Per Cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Owing to the increased cost of white paper and other materials necessary to printing and art work, several magazines of national circulation announced today increases in the prices of subscription. Other periodicals have already given notice of a similar increase.

Several smaller magazines in New York have suspended publication and others are planning to merge with publications controlled by the same interests.

Publishers explain that many of them have had to renew their contracts for paper at this time and to pay nearly 50 per cent more than this item has cost them heretofore.

The rise in subscription prices announced today ranged from 20 to 33 1/3 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK DEALS FOR YEAR TOTAL \$1,158,209,000

New Record in Aggregate Value Set but Number of Shares Sold Has Been Exceeded.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Dealing in bonds on the New York Stock Exchange during the year which closed yesterday totalled a value of \$1,158,209,000 and set a new record. The total in 1915 was \$1,045,000,000.

Total dealings in stocks for 1916 were 234,678,000 shares, compared with 172,382,000 in 1915. The year's dealings in stocks have been exceeded only on three previous occasions, in 1901, 1905 and 1907. The record was set in 1906 with 284,063,000 shares.

There were 76 days during the year in which stock exchange trading exceeded 2,000,000 shares and on Dec. 21 transactions reached the high water mark of more than 8,000,000 shares.

Our New Year's Special Contains twenty Carnations: \$1 Grimm & Gorly.

TORREON TAKEN WHEN GENERAL WAS HAVING SOCIALE DRINK

Villa Men Killed Into City, Rushed It and Killed Herrera and His Staff in Cafe.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 30.—Villa troops, although expected to attack, took Torreon by surprise, Dec. 21. By far the greater part of the rebels are said to have made the capture believe a train entering the city to be reinforcements from Gen. Murguia, but, instead, it carried Villa troops who quietly disengaged themselves and then rushed the town while the garrison retired.

Gen. Luis Herrera was having a sociale drink in a cafe with several members of staff when the place was rushed by a squad of rebels. Gen. Herrera and his companions were killed.

No Omaha Papers New Year's Day.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—Omaha daily papers will print no editions Monday, Jan. 1. Publication was omitted by all morning and afternoon papers Christmas day. Conservation of the paper supply is given as the object.

DISCUSSES ORIGINAL TEXT OF THE BIBLE

American Flyer is Native of New Haven—In French Service More Than a Year.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—A War Office communication issued last night contains under the head of aviation, the following statement:

"Among the German airplanes that were destroyed on the 27th inst. and reported in this morning's communication, one was brought down by Adjt. Lufbery, pilot of an aircraft used by Lieut de la Tour. Thus far Adjt. Lufbery has brought down six German airplanes and Lieut. de la Tour eight."

Adjt. Lufbery is an American. He was born in New Haven, Conn., and was a member of the Lafayette Escadrille (*The American Flying Corps*) in France for more than a year.

EDWARD STRAUSS, FAMOUS AS DANCE MUSIC COMPOSER, DIES

More Than 300 Selections Credited to Him; Conducts Court Balls in Vienna and Viena.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—A Vienna dispatch announces the death of Edward Strauss.

The composer of dance music.

Edward Strauss was a member of a famous musical family. His father, Johann Strauss, was considered the most notable composer and conductor of dance music of his generation and wrote 268 pieces of dance music in addition to a series of comic operas. Edward's brother, Joseph, was known as the "waltz king" and was the creator of 223 popular waltzes.

More than 200 pieces of dance music are credited to Edward. He was conductor of court balls in Petrograd for several years and visited America in 1901-1902. In recent years he had made his home in Vienna. He was 81 years old.

Revisions of the Bible by Westcott and Hort, which are based on agreement with the Vatican manuscript and the Sinaitic manuscript, found at the top of Mt. Sinai by Theodore, are regarded by many as the nearest document to the original writings of Scripture, while revisions under the regime of King James in 1611 are also regarded by many as being excellent translations and more nearly the text of what the original writings were.

Prof. Sanders holds that 90 per cent of Bibles contain the St. James text, which is the same as the text made at Antioch in the fourth century. In some cases the new fragment differs materially from the Valentinian text and in these differences agree with the James text. These differences indicate to Prof. Sanders that the ultimate in correctness has not been reached yet; that it will be necessary to study further early translations and other manuscripts to arrive at what was the original text.

John, the place to buy your Holiday presents, Diamonds, Jewelry, Silver, etc., etc., is at 1075 Broad Co. of "worth-while" gifts on credit. 2d floor, St. Louis st.

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ment on the check and the deal was canceled.

Graves says that when this intervention interfered the check was promptly returned and the transaction cancelled.

"We don't want anybody to take our lots who doesn't want them," he said. "We have calls for more lots than we can supply."

Graves says he has sold 1000 lots of an average of \$15 for a "frontage" of 30 feet. He says he has no more lots to sell right now, but he is preparing to plant an additional 80 acres to meet the demand for lots on the part of persons who have confidence that New Taneha is going to be a real city with houses and stores and who want a chance to participate in any new strike that the company may make. Each acre of a lot acquires a contingent interest in any oil profits that may accrue from oil wells that may be bored by the company, which obligates itself to bore at least one well on each section that has been planted. The present price of the lots is \$150.

New Taneha used to have a railroad station and a side-track. The Frisco has also, however, a siding leading into a passing switch. Officials of the Frisco say there is nothing to create a city there unless oil should be struck in large quantities and that the territory around New Taneha has been worked over, the adjacent fields are old, and the trend of oil development is away

from that district, in a southwesterly direction with the most productive fields now south of Shamrock, thirty miles away.

Old Taneha, two miles from the Graveline town site, they say, is an oil-created town. It grew up under the exigencies of oil boom times and a few years ago the oil shipments from there were very heavy, but there is little oil being shipped from there now and the town is practically extinct, because the oil is gone.

A good many oil wells in that territory are still being pumped. The present high price of oil makes it profitable to pump them even if they produce only a few barrels a day. There are no flowing wells in the vicinity, the officials say.

Dr. James Stewart of the Board of Education is one of the references given by Graves. Dr. Stewart said today he had sold both as a real estate and an oil property. He says the land lay more beautifully than any other between the cities. The oil wells bring many people and there are no houses for rent in Tulsa.

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Raise in Pay. Besides Bonus.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 30.—In addition to the bonus to all employees, recently announced, the General Electric Co. will grant a 5 per cent advance in wages to piece workers and adopt a 50-hour week instead of 68 hours. Piece workers compute about one-third of the 14,000 employees.

Reason for Holding Down.

BERLIN, Dec. 30, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—A Bosch, the manufacturer, has given 12,000,000 marks (\$24,000,000) for the canalization of the River Neckar.

Until the project is started the interest on the fund will go to the municipality of Stuttgart, for war relief purposes and should the project not be carried out at all, the money will be given to the German Government for medical research and the fight against epidemics.

Don't let mother worry over incom-

petent help! Call up the Post-

Dispatch want ad and dictate her want Ad—Olive or Central box.

YOUTH CONFESSES TO ROBBING EMPLOYERS

Companion of Boy Who Was Shot by Policeman Took Goods From Carleton Co.

Eric Bossach, 18 years old, of 2000 Indiana avenue today made a written confession to the police that he had been robbing the Carleton Bros. Dry Goods Co. for a year. He worked there as an elevator conductor. Bossach was the companion of Harry Merkle, 18 years old, of 210 Arsenal street, when Merkle was shot and killed by Patrolman Frank Sipp after the two had fled from the policeman at Thirteenth and Chestnut streets, at 5:30 a.m. Christmas day.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide and held Sipp responsible for

the killing.

Bossach was saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat only by a protracted period of unfavorable weather which prevented the Anglo-French forces from making full advantage of the successful advance.

He declares that nevertheless, it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the allies to overthrow Germany "when the time comes."

The British commander shows himself to be a firm believer in the doctrine that the entente allies can win the war on the Western front.

"I desire to add a few words as to future prospects," he says at the close of the dispatch which covers closely printed pages. "The enemy's power has not yet been broken nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of the time when the allies will attain victory. The eight gloves which he sold to Ploeger for \$2, he said, were worth \$12 a dozen. Other articles, he said, were sold to him at 10c a pair. One pair of crepe de chine to Louis Ploeger.

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Drive Is Continuing
Between the Danube and
Moldavia Heights.

Regiment Said to
Have Been Lost When
Ship Strikes Mine Near
the Aland Islands.

Dec. 30.—By wireless to
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in the Transylvanian front yesterday
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overhead notwithstanding strong
water attacks. The War Office an-

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VISIT OUR STORE before
the Christmas remembrance.
Our Diamonds, Watches, and
Appropriate for everyone, and
our Jewelry, Gold, Silver, and
Clothing, 2d floor, 100 N. Sixth St.

CHARLES QUOTED AS
PEACE IS NEARER

Commencing in Uni-
versity Cannot Conquer Us
to Have Declared.

Dec. 30.—Budapest, dis-
Emperor Charles as says
Julius Andrassy during
yesterday: "Our enemies
are being driven back along the
frontiers, the Germans and
Hungarians are being driven back along the
frontiers, the mountains and
Danube."

statement reads:

the mountains along the Trans-
frontier, the German and
Hungarian troops engaged on
attacks entered entrenched positions
tenacious resistance and pushed
water ahead in the face of strong
water attacks, during which the Russians
left 10 officers and 60 men, with
one hundred guns, in our hands.

Our indomitable troops are follow-
the retreat, moving along the
front, between the mountains and
the Danube and occupy in the battle
in progress a line running near the
of Vilnius and Suteiki, on the
between the Sloboda, half-way be-

en Rinnik."

DRASTIC STEPS TO
PUSH NAVAL WORK

Daniels Asks Law to Compel
Ship Builders to Complete
U. S. Orders First.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A drastic
proposal designed to furnish authority
under which private manufacturers or
ship builders would be compelled to give
preference to navy work has been sub-
mitted by Secretary Daniels in the House
Naval Committee, an indication of the
bill's non-appropriation bill, consideration
of which will be resumed next
week. It provides that where contracts
have been placed for ships or munitions,
or material, entering into the
construction of ships and the making of
munitions," the Secretary, in his dis-
cretion, may require the fulfillment of
the work ahead of any undertaking for
private enterprise.

The contractor fail to comply
with the capture of ships. The
Secretary would be authorized to take
over the plant and complete the work,
charging the contractor with all costs in
excess of the stipulated contract price.

Daniels indicated in his annual report
the difficulties encountered by the
department in hurrying its building pro-
gram and said the enormous amount of
new construction authorized required
immediate legislation.

The item is one of the few cases of
new legislation included in the navy bill
and Chairman Padgett of the House
Committee expects to have it ready by
the middle of January, despite the fact
that it carries a total of nearly \$400,000.

He believes his committee will recom-
mend the 1918 construction program pro-
posed by Secretary Daniels, which in-
cludes three 42,000-ton battleships, one
battle cruiser and about one-half of
the remainder of the three-year program
in smaller ships.

A general outcome of the operations
the last week has been an ad-
of several miles by Gerak and
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men. The Danube army has been
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AS SHOE SOLES
Dec. 30.—Polishman Walks
the Lake Forest force, wears
the distinction of being
on-skid policeman in the
before he became police-
a chauffeur. Upon
occupation he took with
auto tire. As a patrolman
in wearing out his shoes,
he would make his own
advantageous he says,
himself but to the village.

GENERAL OF
RUSSIANS SAID TO
HAVE DROWNED

Steamer Reported to
Have Hit Mine When Bound
for Helsingfors.

Dec. 30.—By wireless to Say-
ville, the steamer Orlona, of 2070
a with a regiment of Russian coast
from the Aland Islands on
struck a mine and sank in a few
hours, according to a dispatch to the
Sankt Peter Zeitung from Copenhagen
Court Circuit yesterday after three
months' absence.

The suit involves numerous alleged ir-
regularities in Legislative Committee
expenditures, including those of the
O'Hara Vice Investigating Commission.

vances by British and French patrols
were repeatedly repelled.

"On the left bank of the Meuse (Ver-
dun front), the French, during the day,
launched several attacks preceded by
strong waves of artillery fire, against
the new line on Dead Man Hill captured
by us. All the attacks were re-
pelled."

Loss of Two British Ships Announced
by Lloyd's.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Lloyd's announces
that the British steamers Ormonsey and
Merdekk have been sunk.

Meredek was bound for Helsing-
fors.

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ville, several attacks were made by the
front yesterday on the Verdun front,
today's report from army head-
quarters. All efforts to retain positions
sector were repelled by the Ger-
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PIERCE OIL CO. AND BANK IN SUIT AND COUNTERSUIT

Action by Commerce for \$200,000 Followed by One of Corporation for \$1,650,000.

\$50,000 IS FOR DAMAGES

Financial Institution Holds Stock as Collateral That Company Insists Upon Having Returned.

After an exchange of notes, parleys, peace proposals, statements of terms and rejection of overtures, the National Bank of Commerce and the Pierce Oil Corporation unmasked their batteries and opened hostilities almost simultaneously yesterday afternoon and started another of the many legal battles which have resulted from the strained relations between the bank and Henry Clay Pierce, millionaire oil magnate.

The bank filed a suit in the Circuit Court against the Pierce Oil Corporation for \$200,000 on a promissory note. This was the first gun. It was promptly answered by the corporation filing in the United States District Court a suit for \$1,600,000 collateral and \$50,000 damages.

Short-Note.

The note on which the bank sued the corporation was dated June 16 last and payable Oct. 16 at 8 per cent interest. The collateral for the \$200,000 loan was \$600,000 of Pierce Oil Corporation stock with a par value of \$600,000.

It is not denied by officials of the bank that the corporation has tendered payment of the loan's condition that the bank surrender the collateral security. The bank has refused to do this on the ground that the stock pledged as collateral is the property of Henry Clay Pierce who is heavily indebted to the bank which claims the right to hold this stock as security for Pierce's debt, although it was pledged as security for a loan to the corporation, of which Pierce is chairman.

The corporation in its Federal suit held that the bank had no rights to retain the collateral, and it sought to recover the value of the stock on a basis of \$200 a share, twice its par value. It alleges also that the bank's refusal to accept payment of the loan and to surrender the security has damaged the corporation to the extent of \$60,000.

George Lockett Edwards, counsel for the National Bank of Commerce, yesterday afternoon showed a Post-Dispatch reporter correspondence which had passed between John G. Lonsdale, president of the bank, and officials of the Pierce Oil Co., including Clay Arthur Pierce, its president.

Pierce May Lean Overtures.

In Edwards' letter it is asserted that overtures for the loan were made by Judge Henry S. Frost as counsel for the Pierce interests and that as an inducement for the loan Judge Frost told the bank the stock to be pledged as collateral was the property of Henry Clay Pierce and that if accepted as security for the corporation loan, it also would serve as additional collateral for money owed to the bank by Pierce. The bank alleges this representation induced it to make the loan.

The par value of the stock taken as collateral was \$600,000, which was greatly in excess of the amount which Pierce owed the bank at that time, but on July 16, less than a month after the loan was made, the bank in Judge Kinney's court obtained a judgment for \$700,000 in litigation growing out of a controversy over the ownership of stock

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Quits Missouri U. to Go to China.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 30.—J. B. Powell, instructor in advertising in the school of journalism at the University of Missouri, has resigned, it was learned today, to become financial editor and business manager of an American trade journal at Shanghai, China.

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SIXTH SYMPHONY PROGRAM IS OF HISTORICAL TURN

Development of Orchestra in Last 200 Years Portrayed in Selections Rendered—De Gorza Is Pleasing as a Soloist.

By RICHARD L. STOKES.

DIRECTOR ZACH'S sixth symphony program of the season, given yesterday afternoon at the Odem and to be repeated there tonight, may be regarded in some sort as an illustrated and fascinating lecture upon the historical development of the orchestra in the last 200 years. In the opening number, the overture to Gluck's "Iphigenia in Aulis," there was an astonishingly revealing performance which could obtain with the slender instrumental resources of the eighteenth century, when only the string band had attained its present perfection, and when most of the brass instruments of today had not yet found their way into the orchestra.

In the succeeding masterpiece of Brahms, the Second Symphony, in D major, was exhibited the composer of the modern orchestra, but not according to the classic traditions in which he was absorbed, with restraint, as a means to an end—the end being the expression of his thought and feeling. Finally, in the "Capriccio Espagnol," by Rimsky-Korsakow, one of the most audacious manipulators of the orchestra even among Russian composers, the instruments became an end in themselves, and their possibilities in bizarre combinations in odd and picturesque coloring, were exploited with exuberance to make interesting and attractive ideas which one must confess to be rather shallow.

In keeping with the instrumental program was the vocal one, provided by Emilio De Gorza, the celebrated baritone. He followed the overture to "Iphigenia in Aulis," with the recitative of "Joy Divine," from Massenet's "Le Rol de Saramon." An audience to the Rimsky-Korsakow caprice he offered, for an encore, "Mephistopheles Serenade" from Berlioz's "Damnation of Faust."

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President Lonsdale of the bank wrote to the corporation saying the bank was willing to accept payment of the loan, but must refuse to turn back the stock pledged as security, as it was the property of Henry Clay Pierce and therefore could legally be held as security for his indebtedness. The reply was a letter from Charles W. Cahoon, vice-president of the corporation, in which he said the corporation would not pay the loan on surrender of the collateral, but would not enter in any controversy with the bank as to the ownership of the stock.

Refused to Return Collateral.

Lonsdale again wrote to the corporation telling of the indenture held out to the bank when negotiating the loan and offering to accept payment and waive interest on the loan from that date to the time of maturity, but still refusing to turn back the collateral. This time the reply came from Clay Arthur Pierce, president of the corporation.

Pierce renewed the proposition to pay the loan, but insisted on the surrender of the stock, which, he said, had been pledged by the corporation and not by his father, Henry Clay Pierce.

The bank then notified the corporation that unless its conditions were accepted it would sue it. A final tender of payment of the loan was made and rejected and the suit was filed and was quickly followed by the corporation's Federal action.

Effective January 1st, the regular one-way fare between St. Louis and Chicago will be \$6.97 over the C. & E. I.

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VIA THE
C. & E. I.

(Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad)

M'ADOO PUTS DEFICIT AT ABOUT \$185,000,000

Congressman Fitzgerald Thinks It Will Be \$300,000,000 Bonds to Be Issued.

By Wire From the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo are considering ways and means to meet the treasury deficit which will come at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1918. The President has tentatively agreed to issue bonds to secure a portion of the promised deficit.

The reading of the Brahms symphony was one of Zach's most inspired efforts, and his men seconded him with a zest of spirit, with a virtuoso facility, with an unerring sense of beauty, that made one wonder why the name of Brahms ever came to suggest the musical pedant and refractory thinker. Many times in this number Kipling's story irresistably came to mind, that of last ship which found itself and last mate in its watery tomb. We no longer heard a dialogue of flutes, violins and horns, but all their tongues blended into the one imperial voice of the orchestra.

Almost as beautiful was the Gluck overture, and one understood the imperishable vitality which has enabled it to survive for two centuries and still stand as a masterpiece of dramatic expression in tones, despite its lack of the more powerful and spectacular instruments, and the forbidding character of the memory that Gluck was the Wagner of his time, the apostle who was the connecting link between Monteverde and the wizard of Bayreuth in accomplishing the reform of developing opera from "a concert with stage settings" to an organic art-work.

De Gorza won the audience's admiration, his polished and elegant vocalism, his suave and musical tone, and his ardent talent for expression. One of the new rules of the concert was broken to permit him to give an additional number in the middle of the program, and Zack abetted the violinist by providing an orchestral accompaniment for the encore. The singer would have vouchsafed a second one had he obeyed the obvious wishes of his hearers. No doubt he lacks the resonance and vibrancy of tone requisite to electrify an audience in the style of Amato or Ruffo, but his singing must have been relished by any vocal teacher who happened to be present, so refined and artistic was his method—the free, loose throat, the voice placement "dans le masque," the consummate skill in breathing.

The outstanding interest-bearing debt of the United States on June 30 last amounted to \$77,582,690. Excluding postal savings bonds, one-year treasury notes and conversion bonds, this is made up of \$18,489,900 in postage, \$6,045,460 in currency, \$1,000,000 in gold certificates (due in 1928), \$29,520,200 in silver certificates (due in 1929), \$64,581,890 Panama bonds bearing 2 per cent and \$60,000,000 Panama 3 per cents, similar to those to be issued.

It is believed that Secretary McAdoo wishes to forestall any action in the House to bring out a revenue bill providing for a tax on excess profits and an increase on incomes and estates.

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WILL BE ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL



WOMAN LAWYER TO BE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AID

Miss Jeanette Bates Announced as Assistant to E. J. Brundage of Illinois.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Edward J. Brundage, Illinois Attorney-General-elect, has announced that one of his assistants will be Miss Jeanette Bates. Miss Jane Addams and others interested in the enforcement of the factory inspection law are said to have recommended Miss Bates. It is said she will be the second woman in the United States to hold such an office.

Miss Bates, who is village attorney of Ardmore, where she lives with two children she adopted six years ago.

SAW LARGE SHIP BURNING OFF THE DELAWARE CALES

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Two Burglars Are Surprised When Accosted, Leap Through Windows and Escape.

A burglar ransacked the residence of C. E. Husman, 5142 Waterman Avenue, while the family was at dinner at 7 o'clock last night. Husman encountered him in a back room. The robber jumped through the window. He took nothing.

Mr. Fitzgerald, 5224 Pauline Boulevard, found a burglar in the reception hall at 8 p.m. and shot him through a back window. He ran out the front way, taking nothing with him.

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Three games on as many days give the ability of any team to appear that Pittsburgh is a tough team, especially as opposed to the Boston Red Sox, which play harder in the sun than they do in the first.

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The College Professors Are Trying to Take the "Pro" Out of Proselytizing

ALL FOREIGN-BORN ELEVEN TO OPPOSE INNISFAILS, TODAY

Homestead Picked Soccer Team includes 12 Scotchmen and One Englishman.

FOLEY MAY USE BRITON

Local Manager Forced by Weak Forward Line to Try Out New Comer, Curtiss.

St. Louis' soccer stars will get another chance at an eleven composed of foreign born players when, this afternoon at Robison Field, a three-game series between the local teams and the all-stars of Pittsburgh will be played. The Innisfail tailenders in the St. Louis circuit, as well as the visitors today; the St. Louis play them tomorrow and the Naval Reserves will be their opponents on New Year's day.

Three games as many days will test the mettle of any team and it appears that the Pittsburghers are in a tough time, especially when opposed by the Mount City Kickers, who have been playing second half man as they do in the first.

St. Louis this season has a clean record in clashes against foreign clubs. The danger comes from the evidence that the American universities are gradually ceasing to regard it as a game.

It is safe to say that if inter-collegiate competition continues and more important place in college men's time and thoughts will be devoted to football than to any other sport.

Undergraduates look upon it as a vocation, not a pastime, and the tradition of strength and thought on football is demanded of players by their coaches and by college opinion that few can match in energy off for doing their college studies.

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Dr. Anderson of Yale Says That Football Has Come to Be Over Emphasized.

FACTS ABOUT TODAY'S STAR SOCCER CONTEST

Opposing teams—Innislans of St. Louis and All-Stars of Pittsburgh. Place—Robison Field, Vandeventer Street, time—3 p.m. Length—90 minutes. Time of halves—45 minutes. Referee—Kavanaugh. The lineup:

Innislans: Position—Pittsburg. Boys—Boyle. Sheas—Left fullback. Blackwood—Right fullback. Domaghy—Center halfback. Calahan—Left halfback. Morrison—Right halfback. Murphy—Outfield left. Sharer—Amesbury. Curtis—Tentatives. Inside right—Young. Kehan. Outside right—Taft. McHenry—Tentatives. Inside right—Young. Kehan. Outside right—Taft.

PENNY ANTE: Ladies' Night

By Jean Knott



JABEZ WHITE HERE TO TAKE ON M'NEIL AGAIN

Albany Bantam Willing to Give His Victim Chance in Return Contest.

By Harry S. Sharpe.

Referred to the Future City Athletic Club.

Jabes White, who has just returned to St. Louis after a visit to his home in Albany, N. Y., is the sort of boxer who pleases, both in the ring and out of it. So far as St. Louis is concerned, his work improves and he increases his popularity as he goes along. He did a wonderful bit of boxing last fall when he was in the ring with the Spaniard Menendez. This is the same boxer who has been in the lineup of a local aggregation. However, there is a chance that Foley may change his mind and offer his services to the national title, the All-stars winning, 3-1, and the Ben Millers tying, 2-2.

All Opponents Foreign Born.

The eleven which faces the Innislans this afternoon will be composed of nine Americans, foreign born, and one of them, Henney, a fullback, being an Englishman and all the others Scotchmen. The team which represents the pick of the Western Pennsylvania League and expects to give a good account of itself in the class here. These kickers, though, have played together before, both in a regular contest and in exhibition. On Jan. 1, the team in the Western Pennsylvania championship by trimming an opponent picked eleven, 1 to 0.

The All-Stars, which has been the long suit of the local leavers for the past year, has been beaten by the Ben Millers, 2-1, and it was announced that Curtiss, an Englishman, who played all his soccer in England, has agreed to go inside right forward in place of the Spaniard Menendez. This is the same boxer who has been in the lineup of a local aggregation. However, there is a chance that Foley may change his mind and offer his services to the national title, the All-stars winning, 3-1, and the Ben Millers tying, 2-2.

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The Post-Dispatch
Daily Short Story

A Reforming Life Insurance

By F. H. Sweet

DAY O gazed out over the river. It looked cold and uninviting. He shook his head involuntarily and shivered. If it were only midsummer and at Coney or Asbury, he could do it. He felt sure he could. But in that cold stuff! Ugh!

Of course there was poison. But that was cheap. And who'd right there for you to look at and talk about? Water could be accident, but not poison. Besides, water might carry you off somewhere by yourself.

Day O turned despondently from the pier. Time was when he could have done a thing like that, say when he sprinted at Yale and broke through guards.

But that was three years ago, and in three years he had sowed a quarter of a million dollars. Sowing a quarter of a million dollars year after year, winning most of the spring cap out of a man. It showed in the bagsy arcs under Day O's eyes, in his walk, and in the lack of his rightful manliness.

There seemed another way out, the easiest. He wrote to his Uncle Zeb, who could pull a quarter of a million from his sleeve without wincing, in his college days he and Uncle Zeb had been quite chummy. But the sowing had drifted them apart.

He wrote again, plain David, highly thinking the mongrel Day O, from his name and the late morning homecoming of his sowing, would not be conductive to drawing help from Uncle Zeb.

The letter off, he went out again, finding his own company disastrous.

At Walders, the city's frivolous center, he met the closest of his friends, on whom he had lavished thousands. The fellow cut him dead... So quickly had the news of impecuniousness gone forth.

But instead of wholly depressing this bright boy, something of a snap to Day O's spirits. Two more innocent stares of former boon companions brought the shoulders to an angry uprightness. But the strength was not sufficient to keep them there, and the shoulders soon sloped again.

A fourth encounter came, and this man surprised Day O by holding out his hand.

"Look out of rotten, Day O," this one remarked affably. "Pace been too hard for you. Better chuck it for a few days."

"Have you heard?" Day O asked, his face warming a bit.

"About your blowing it all in?—of course, it's common talk. But there's your uncle, you know. It won't be more than few days down and out, so be recuperating."

The surprised warmth left Day O's face.

"Nothing doing in the uncle business," he said evenly. "We haven't spoken in two years. Can you lend me an X?"

"Why, I—I—sorry, Day O. But I happen to be broke just now. Too bad about your uncle. No and sorry. But you'll have to excuse me now. Engagement, you know."

Day O watched the hurried departure with a crooked smile. This fellow had known his uncle, probably the others had too. Well, he would show them what was what. By tomorrow or the next day Uncle Zeb would be here. Then they would come crawling about him again, and it was well worth some humiliation to be able to pass them all by without dropping a nickel, and have them see him spending money on another crowd.

But it was three days before Uncle Zeb came. Then he listened with impatience to Day O's account of his trouble—it was David. After that Uncle Zeb went out to investigate. He did it by himself and to arrange for something he had in mind. David waited until he returned.

"Now," said Uncle Zeb, as he dropped into a chair without removing his hat, "we'll finish this up quick. You have some debts, I find, over and above."

"Some yes," replied David. "They'll be a sort of check against mortality, and the holders of them can do anything where nothing is. Next, we'll run you yourself out—ringed eyes, chalky face, short breath—but there must be some remnant of the old stock down below. I guess it'll pass you."

"What do you mean, uncle?"

"Examination. The country's doctor will be here soon—that's the law." As 'brisk' footsteps sounded along the hall and paused at the door. "You'd better slip into your bedroom there, and be getting ready. He's likely to give you a pretty good overhauling."

"What for?" David began, though he understood. "Uncle Zeb didn't like the look of my physical condition in order to decide the best way to help. Of course a simple six-figure check was the proper thing. Uncle Zeb was peculiar, and he would bet on him."

When he dressed, and came out again the doctor had gone.

"Said I was all right, constitution, but badly run down," he announced.

"So he told me," dryly: "run down like a loosed engine under full head of steam down a mountain side. But he passes you. Cost me four times what it ought."

"Come, what?"

"Life insurance policy," snapped his uncle. "I'm buying you one for sure."

David gasped. "That won't do any good," he blurted. "And I've no folks but you. I'm not planning to die now. And I know you don't want the benefit."

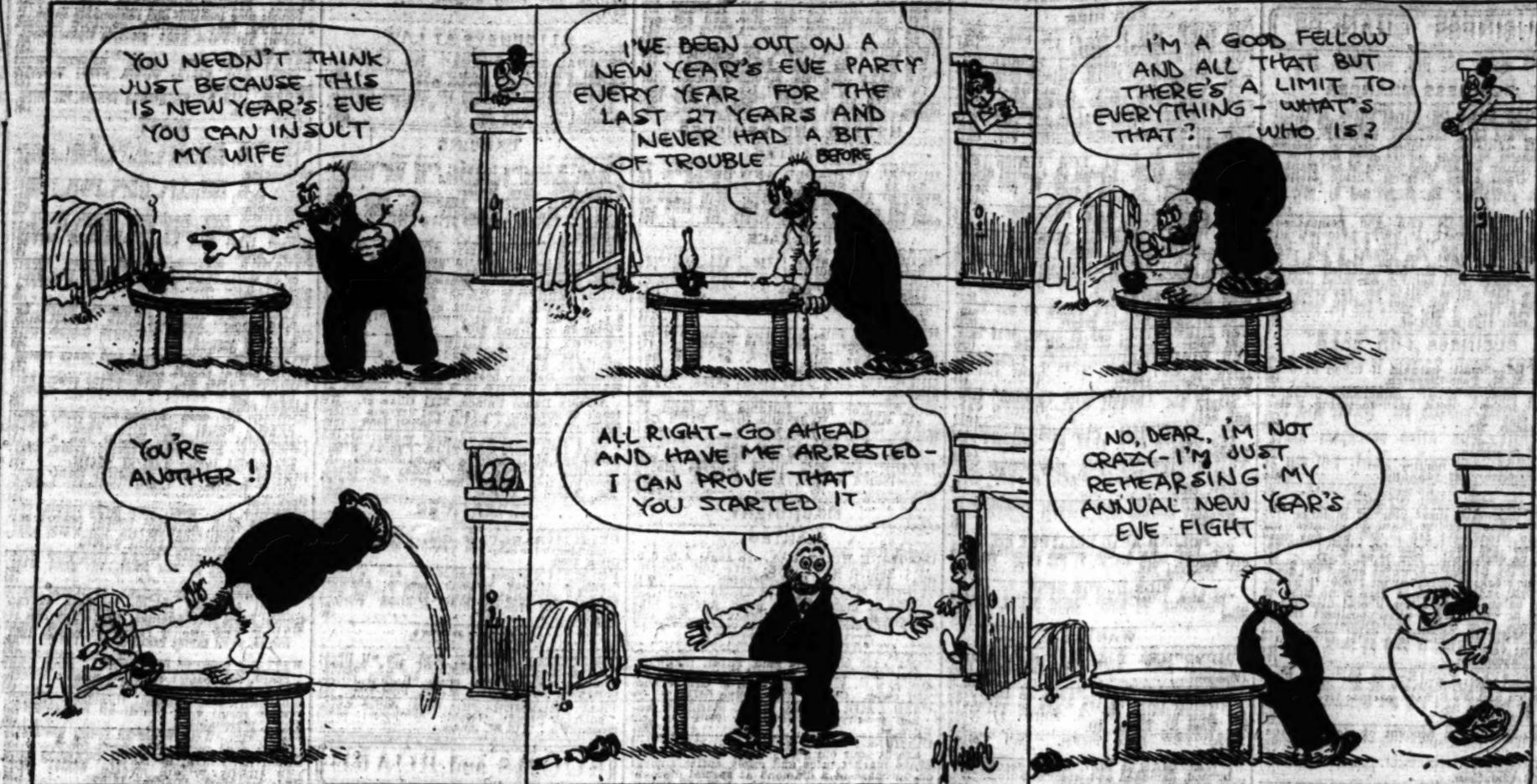
"Hardly," arrived his uncle, rising.

"But there are all those you've been visiting the past three years. Some are very good friends of yours. You've even spent a little time with them, too, say. Naturally they're going to feel the loss of your income more than you do yourself. It may be worse too bad. So I'm having the policy made out that way."

"In favor of one of those—ahem?"

IT IS BOUND TO HAPPEN, SO YOU MAY AS WELL BE PREPARED—BY GOLDBERG.

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Can You Beat It?

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch
By Maurice KettenThe Sandman Story
for To-night

BY MRS. F. A. WALTER

THE POOR PRINCE.

ONCE upon a time there lived a poor Prince.

There was a big castle with little in it except old furniture.

The fact was the King and Queen had died suddenly and a wicked ogre had overrun the country while the Prince was too young to defend it. The ogre carried away to his own country everyone worth having, and the people were left poor, and the young Prince with scarce enough to eat.

On the day when the Prince was to celebrate his twenty-first birthday, he heard of a beautiful Princess who lived in another kingdom, about 100 miles away. His dinner was only cold porridge and water, but when he heard of the lovely maiden he forgot to eat and sat out at once for the court in which she lived.

But when he arrived there, all tired and dusty and ragged, he found the guard would not admit him. "What you a prince?" they laughed. "You look like a rambler."

So the poor Prince was turned away from the palace gate and went sorrowfully limping down the road to sleep beneath the trees. Early the next morning he heard a great commotion and saw people running about, soldiers galloping down the road, and heard in the distance the roar of cannon.

The great ogre from the frozen North had stolen the Princess in the night, replied a man of whom the Prince asked the news.

"The King says he will give the Princess in marriage to the one who rescues me," continued the man. "But I do not know of any one in this land who would undertake the task. We all love her, but no man is willing to risk certain death on such a useless chase."

"Why is it certain death?" asked the Prince.

"Because no one has ever been known to come back alive from the ogre's castle," replied the man.

But the Prince decided to make the journey. He was poor, but he had a brave heart, and nothing could prevent his going. So he set out at once to find the Princess.

All that day, he walked through the forests. Once he stumbled over a wild ox and scrambled over its back. The animal ran for hours straight toward the Black Mountains, which was a great help, and when it dropped exhausted the Prince found he was near the hut of some kind woodchoppers. These men fed him and gave him a hot supper.

The next morning he started out early, and as he began to climb the mountain, he heard a noise. The noise was the bird's foot and was carried far up over the mountain and down on the other side. The eagle alighted on the shore of the river of ice. On the bank stood a sled which had been left by a fisherman. The Prince stood upon it.

and the ogre strode into the room the prince slipped out into the hall. There was a huge iron beam leaning against the wall. Pulling and tugging with all his might, he at last managed to place it just over the top step, and as he did so the door opened and the ogre came out.

The hall was dark. Only one slender ray of moonlight shone through the tiny window. The ogre started angrily down the steps, his knee struck the bar and he fell heavily, striking his head on the stone sides, then tumbling helpless to the bottom where he lay still.

Without stopping to find out whether or not the ogre was unconscious, the Prince quickly down stepped over him and with a snip of the golden scissors cut off the lock of black hair at the top of his head. At once the wicked creature ceased to breathe and lay still as a rock.

The Princess came tripping lightly down the steps and laid her hand on the Prince's arm. "We are free at last," she sighed, happily. "We will now go and free the other prisoners."

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